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The meeting was called to order at 9.10 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items (*continued*)

Allocation of agenda item 169 (continued)

1. *The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should allocate agenda item 169 to Fifth Committee, on the understanding that any decision requiring amendment of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal or relating to the establishment of a higher-level jurisdiction would be subject to the advice of the Sixth Committee.*

Letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council (A/56/517)

2. **The Chairman** drew attention to a letter dated 26 October 2001 from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly.

3. In his letter, the President of the Council informed the President of the Assembly that the Council had decided to authorize its President to request that the report of the Economic and Social Council as a whole be considered directly in plenary meeting. At its third plenary meeting, the General Assembly had allocated various chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the plenary and the Second, Third and Fifth Committees.

4. **Mr. Seixas da Costa** (Portugal) expressed support for the proposal.

5. The Committee decided to recommend that the report of the Economic and Social Council, as a whole, should be considered directly in plenary meeting, with the understanding that the Second, Third and Fifth Committees would remain seized of the chapters already referred to them for their usual consideration.

Request by India on allocation of agenda item 21 (f)

6. **Mr. Bishnoi** (India) requested that the Committee should consider allocating agenda item 21 (f), entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union" to the Sixth Committee. That would permit a technical consideration of the proposal contained in the Secretary-General's report regarding the granting of observer status to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 54/195. The current allocation of that agenda item to the plenary of the General Assembly could also be maintained.

7. **The Chairman** said that the Committee had taken note of the Indian delegation's statement. It would consider the issue when the appropriate procedures had been put into place.

The meeting rose at 9.20 a.m.